

# Legislative Reference Service

WEEK OF 2-9-01

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT

**H-5647 PRIVATE WELLS** (Bierman & Others) This act would provide disclosure standards for dwellings serviced by well water. Environment & Energy

**H-5731 LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIALS** (McCauley) This act would amend the provisions of the law related to the qualification, certification and continuing education programs affecting the local building officials and local inspectors. Corporations

**H-5732 STATE BUILDING CODE DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS** (McCauley & Schadone) This act would require plans and specifications be prepared by a professional engineer or registered architect licensed per Rhode Island law. Corporations

**H-5770 INSPECTION FEES** (Montanaro & Others) This act would raise smoke detector inspection fees to thirty dollars (\$30.00). Corporations

**H-5841 LEAD PAINT TAX CREDIT** (McCauley & Others) This act provides for an income tax credit for lead paint abatement and lead paint control measures in residential dwellings. Finance

**S-339 CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION SYSTEMS** (Celona & Others) This act would require that carbon monoxide detectors be installed in all buildings hereinafter constructed or converted for residential occupancy as well as existing residential dwellings prior to the transfer or sale of such property. Corporations

## **EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS**

**H-5538 SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS** (Story & Others) This act provides for a 50% reimbursement by the State of Rhode Island to school districts above the average statewide cost per pupil for special education students. Only expenditures for medically fragile and out-of-district placement students are eligible for reimbursement. Finance

**H-5569 LITERACY PROGRAM** (Abdullah-Odiase & Others) This act would provide funds for quality preschool and full-day kindergarten programs that foster early literacy by developing children's language, vocabulary, and conceptual skills, as well as helping to familiarize all students with books, the nature of print, and the letters of the alphabet and their sounds. Finance

**H-5570 LITERACY PROGRAM** (Abdullah-Odiase & Others) This act would require the establishment of family literacy programs to assist caregivers in fostering literacy in their children. Finance

**H-5622 PENALTIES FOR DRUG, ALCOHOL OR WEAPONS OFFENSES** (Hetherington & Others) This act would provide that public schools would impose penalties on students for possession of alcohol, drugs, or weapons, pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the applicable school committee. Judiciary

**H-5623 REPORT OF FELONY SENTENCING** (Kilmartin) This act would require that school superintendents receive notification of any student who has been convicted of a felony. Judiciary

**H-5641 OPEN MEETINGS** (Moura & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that school committees publish notice of their meetings in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district. Judiciary

**H-5686 ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL INVESTMENT FUND** (Smith & Others) This act would provide funds for alternative school districts for public school students chronically subject to suspension. Finance

**H-5687 TRUANCY** (Smith & Levesque) This act would establish an elementary and secondary education truancy investment fund to assist school districts to improve attendance rates. Finance

**H-5693 KINDERGARTEN** (Montanaro & Others) This act would establish a full day kindergarten investment fund to offer a full day of education to kindergarten students. Finance

**H-5701 RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN** (Crowley & George) This act would provide state aid to foster and group homes and/or residential facilities for purposes of education, and would provide reimbursement to DCYF. Finance

**H-5721 EDUCATION TRUST FUND** (Reilly & Others) This act would create an education trust fund to be funded by lottery and/or gambling revenues to be distributed on a per student basis. Finance

**H-5734 NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL PLANS** (Tejada & Others) This act would allow all city/town councils to pass an ordinance that would require school districts to develop and implement a neighborhood school plan. Corporations

**H-5747 CELL PHONES** (Kilmartin) This act shall provide that all use of cellular phones by a school bus driver shall be prohibited, except in the case of an emergency. Corporations

**H-5761 MINIMUM SALARY FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS** (Crowley) This act sets the minimum salary for school administrators, and the minimum number of work days for principals. Corporations

**H-5823 CONTROVERSIES IN SCHOOL MATTERS** (D. Caprio) This act would provide that decisions by commissioner of elementary and secondary education shall be issued within 45 days of a hearing, and if the commissioner's decision is not issued within such 45 days, then either party may request a de novo hearing before the board of regents within 14 days from the date the commissioner's decision was due. Judiciary

**S-244 SCOLIOSIS SCREENING** (Hunter – By Request) This act would require parental consent for school screening or examination for scoliosis. H.E.W.

**S-250 KINDERGARTEN** (Hunter & Others) This act would require that children attain the age of 5 years on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the school year in order to attend kindergarten. H.E.W.

**S-318 TEXTBOOKS** (Walaska & Others) This act would provide for the loan of textbooks to all students in grades K-12. Finance

**S-325 COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE** (Parella & Others) This act would increase from 16 years old to 17 years old the age when a child shall regularly attend public day school. H.E.W.

**S-326 RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN** (Cicilline & Others) This act would provide free public educational services to all children placed in group/residential homes by D.C.Y.F., and would require D.C.Y.F. to provide the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

with a precise count of how many group homes or other residential facility “beds” exist in Rhode Island. Finance

**S-331 TEACHER CERTIFICATION** (Coderre & Others) This act would create a Certification Standards Board for public school teachers, pre-kindergarten through grade twelve. H.E.W.

**S-333 TEXTBOOKS** (McBurney) This act would provide for the loan of textbooks to all students in grades K-12. Finance

### **ELECTIONS**

**H-5464 CLOSING OF SCHOOLS** (Lewiss & Others) This act would require that any school used as a polling place for general or presidential elections be open only for voting purposes and for school staff development days. Corporations

**H-5759 CENTRAL VOTER REGISTER** (Kilmartin) This act would require the Secretary of State to update the central voter register every 2 years. Corporations

**H-5849 VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS** (Shanley & Others) This act would provide that the chief election official of each city/town may reduce the number of supervisors at the polling places under their jurisdiction. Special Legislation

**H-5850 MAIL BALLOTS** (Lewiss & Others) This act would amend the provisions for obtaining and filing mail ballots or absentee ballots for an election. Special Legislation

**S-236 PART-TIME POLL WORKERS** (Parella & Others) This act would provide for part-time workers at polling places. Judiciary

**S-347 TIME OF CLOSING OF POLLS** (Coderre – By Request) This act would set the statewide poll closing time as 8:00 p.m. Judiciary

**S-359 CANDIDATES** (Coderre & Others) This act would provide that a person could not be a candidate for more than 1 seat at a time in the same election year. Judiciary

### **ENVIRONMENT**

**S-270 INSPECTION OF DAMS** (Blais & Breene) This act would create a new dam registration and repair program within the Department of Environmental Management and the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency to address aging dams. This act would

also allow for notice to owners of regulated dams upon issuance of a certification of completeness for an application for a land development or subdivision project, and for changes in local zoning ordinances. In addition, this act would authorize cities and towns of the state to adopt ordinances creating dam management districts for dams, the boundaries of which may include all or part of a city/town as specified by the ordinance. Judiciary

## **FINANCE AND TAXATION**

**H-5451 HOTEL TAX** (Callahan & Others) This act would permit cities and towns, upon a reduction of the present hotel tax from 6% to 5%, to impose a local hotel tax of 1% and use the proceeds for community purposes. Finance

**H-5454 PAYMENT OF TAXES AND FEES BY CREDIT CARD** (Bierman & Others) This act would authorize payment of taxes and fees owed to state or local governments by means of a credit card. Finance

**H-5517 SCHOOL AID** (Carroll & Others) This act would provide for an annual minimum 7.5% increase to state aid to education. Finance

**H-5518 STATE AID TO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION** (Carroll & Others) This act would require the state to annually pay for the tuition and related costs for students attending a state elementary or secondary vocational education school. The payments would be made directly to the respective schools. Finance

**H-5540 PAYMENT IN LIEU** (Moura & Others) This act would gradually increase the percent of the state appropriations in lieu of taxes, starting with 35% on July 1, 2001, and finally reaching 50% as of July 1, 2004. Finance

**H-5541 PAYMENT IN LIEU** (DeSimone & Others) This act would increase the Pilot Program reimbursement to the cities and towns to 40% of the taxes that would have been collected. Finance

**H-5543 SCHOOL AID** (Carroll & Others) This act would provide that the state's share of foundation level education support would be increased, when applicable, by educational improvement block grants and elementary and secondary excellence funds. Finance

**H-5545 LOCAL OPEN SPACES** (Tejada & Others) This act would require state aid to cities and towns if they can document usage of open spaces within their limits of more than 50% by nonresidents. Finance

**H-5547 HISTORIC STRUCTURES – TAX CREDITS** (Fox & Others) This act would allow property tax credits of 25% of the total costs and expenses incurred by the owner of

an historic residence for the rehabilitation of such property, and allow the tax credit to be carried forward for up to 10 years. Finance

**H-5552 SCHOOL AID** (Gorham & Others) This act would provide for an annual minimum 5% increase in state aid to education. Finance

**H-5563 AUTOMOBILE LEASING** (Ginaitt & Others) This act prohibits a lessee of a motor vehicle from passing to the lessor both the sales tax and the local property tax. Finance

**H-5676 DELINQUENT TAXES** (Smith & Others) This act would disqualify any individuals, corporations and/or entities who are delinquent in the payment of taxes from receiving economic development assistance. Finance

**H-5684 PAYMENT IN LIEU** (Smith) This act would include any state-owned convention center or municipally-owned civic center in the section providing for general assembly appropriations in lieu of property tax. Finance

**H-5685 BUDGET SURPLUS REIMBURSEMENT** (Smith & Levesque) This act provides that 15% of any state budget surplus shall be distributed to the cities and towns in the next fiscal year. Finance

**H-5713 STATE AID FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION** (Reilly & Others) This act would require the state to assume the costs to the cities and towns for special education, starting with 10% of those costs the first year and 100% after 10 years. Finance

**H-5718 MOTOR VEHICLE PROPERTY TAXES** (Reilly & Others) This act would require the state to reimburse taxpayers for tangible personal property tax levies paid on motor vehicles for the year 2001. Finance

**H-5736 NEW AUTOMOBILE INVENTORY** (Reilly) This act would exempt the inventory of new automobiles, held by the dealer for sale in the normal course of business, from the municipal property tax. Corporations

**H-5764 ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTIONS** (Trillo & Others) This act would provide for a statewide freeze of the taxation and valuation of real property of single persons 65 years or older who have taxable income in the amount of \$30,000 or less, or \$40,000 or less if married. Corporations

**H-5782 TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY** (Palangio & Others) This act provides that buildings owned by certain tax exempt property holders shall not be exempt from taxes if the property is used for residential purposes. Corporations

**H-5786 TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY** (Palangio) This act provides that buildings owned by certain tax exempt property holders shall not be exempt from taxes if the property is used for residential purposes. Corporations

**H-5802 PENSION FUND REFINANCING BONDS** (Moura & Others) This act allows municipalities to issue pension fund refinancing bonds to fund unfunded pension liability. Corporations

**H-5805 ASSESSMENT OF BACK TAXES** (Fox & Others) This act would provide for the assessment of back taxes on real estate in cases where the tax has been erroneously assessed due to an error or mistake. Corporations

**H-5828 TAX SALES** (Fox & Others) This act would give municipalities lien creditor status as defined in Section 6A-9-301(3) of the General Laws. Judiciary

**H-5829 AUTOMOBILE EXCISE TAX** (Moura & Slater) This act would provide for the administrator of the Division of Motor Vehicles to suspend or revoke an individual's motor vehicle registration for failure to pay excise tax to a municipality. Judiciary

**H-5843 REIMBURSEMENT FOR STATE MANDATES** (Cicilline & Others) This act requires the Department of Administration to submit to the Budget Office regulations of the Commissioner of Education and Board of Regents, and requires the Budget Office to include annually in its statement of costs the regulations of the Commissioner of Education and the Board of Regents. Finance

**H-5844 PAYMENT IN LIEU** (Costantino & Others) This act would mandate that any amount appropriated by the general assembly for a municipally-owned civic center be utilized only for that center's operations and capital improvements. Finance

**S-238 UBRAN INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT** (Perry & Others) This act would create the Urban Investment Tax Credit Act of 2001. Finance

**S-249 SCHOOL AID** (Kelly & Others) This act would provide for an annual minimum 5% increase in state aid to education. Finance

**S-258 NON-UTILIZATION TAX** (Perry & Others) This act would provide for capitalizing the Rhode Island Housing and Conservation Trust Fund with both public and private funds, and appropriates funds for additional staff in the Department of Administration to perform functions required by the Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation Act. Finance

**S-291 PAYMENT IN LIEU** (Hunter & McDonald) This act would provide for an appropriation to cities and towns with state parks located therein to reimburse them for the cost of services provided. Finance

**S-292 PAYMENT IN LIEU** (McDonald & Hunter) This act would appropriate funds to cities and towns for parks, beaches, and colleges and universities in the sum of 27% of the amount the exempt property would have paid in taxes. Finance

**S-298 TAX SALES** (McDonald & Iglioizzi) This act would require tax collectors to notify interested parties by registered or certified mail of a pending tax sale on real or personal property. Judiciary

**S-299 TAX SALES – NOTICE** (Igliozzi & McDonald) This act permits a person who is required to receive notice of a tax sale, but fails to receive same, the right to raise the lack of notice as a defense. Judiciary

**S-304 TAX SALES** (Igliozzi & McDonald) This act makes certain amendments to the laws relating to tax sales. Finance

**S-306 PAYMENT IN LIEU** (McDonald) This act would include all state-owned property in the program which provides for general assembly appropriations in lieu of property taxes. ("The Pilot Program"). Finance

**S-334 SUPERFUND POLLUTION TAX RELIEF** (Celona & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island Superfund Tax Relief Act to provide tax relief to property owners within a federally designated superfund site, and makes an appropriation of \$100,000 for such purpose. Finance

### **LABOR RELATIONS**

**H-5661 SCHOOL TEACHER DISPUTES** (Crowley) This act would provide that a finding of irreparable injury or harm would not be necessary to support the issuance of an injunction during a teachers' strike. Labor

**H-5670 FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION** (Corvese) This act would broaden the definition of "Firefighter" for purposes of arbitration. Labor

### **LIQUOR CONTROL AND LICENSES**

**H-5500 SALES ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS** (Corvese – By Request) This act would allow Class A retail license holders to open on the Sunday before Thanksgiving and each subsequent Sunday through the Sunday before New Year's. Corporations

**H-5501 CLASS A LICENSES** (Corvese – By Request) This act would provide that a holder of a Class A retail liquor license shall be permitted to conduct, without charge on the



premises of the licensee, sample wine tasting for prospective customers of wines available at the licensee's outlet. Corporations

**H-5848 CLASS A LICENSE** (Smith) This act would prohibit gas station owners from possessing a Class A liquor license. Special Legislation

**S-285 SUNDAY BUSINESS** (Felag & Others) This act would permit the sale of motor vehicles on Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Corporations

**S-346 CLASS N NIGHT CLUB LICENSE** (Roney) This act would provide for the creation of a Class N nightclub license to be held by certain retail sellers of alcoholic beverages. Special Legislation

### **PLANNING AND ZONING**

**H-5791 AFFORDABLE HOUSING** (Abdullah-Odiase & Others) This act would prohibit zoning changes which would inhibit the construction of low or moderate income housing development. Corporations

**S-271 ZONING ORDINANCES** (Hunter – By Request) This act would amend the definition of “Family Day Care Home”, and provide a definition for “Family Group Day Care Home” as they pertain to municipal zoning ordinances. Judiciary

### **PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE**

**H-5426 WEAPONS** (Pisaturo & Corvese) This act would reduce from 24 hours to 2 hours the length of time that a person could be detained for possession of a firearm or other prohibited weapon without a complaint being made against that person. Judiciary

**H-5441 STRIP SEARCHES OF DETAINEES** (Cicilline & Kennedy) This act would codify the standards necessary to conduct strip searches and body cavity searches. Judiciary

**H-5480 POSTING OF TEMPORARY SIGNS** (Trillo & Others) This act would impose a penalty on any entity that affixes an advertisement or sign to a pole or structure within the area of a public highway without permission by a chief of police. Highway Safety

**H-5580 WEAPONS** (Cicilline & Others) This act would amend various statutory provisions concerning weapons. Judiciary

**H-5591 JUVENILE RECORDS** (Carter & Others) This act would require records of juveniles adjudicated delinquent of a serious violent felony to be made available to state, education, and law enforcement authorities. Judiciary

**H-5600 SECURITY OFFICERS** (Kilmartin) This act would provide that all full-time security officers employed by the traffic tribunal shall have the same powers as sheriffs and city and town police officers when enforcing the laws of this state. Judiciary

**H-5609 PROOF OF PRESENT DANGER** (Kilmartin) This act would allow police and courts to confiscate guns from people who are deemed to be a risk or present danger to the community. Judiciary

**H-5610 SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS** (Levesque) This act would establish standards for use and storage of audio and video surveillance devices in state and local law enforcement vehicles. Judiciary

**H-5616 ADOPTION OF CHILDREN** (Dennigan & Others) This act would require persons seeking to adopt a child to apply to the bureau of criminal identification of the local or state police as part of the adoption process. Judiciary

**H-5627 FALSE REPORT OF CRIME** (Kilmartin) This act would require that anyone filing a false report alleging a felony shall be charged with a felony. Judiciary

**H-5691 THERMAL IMAGING DEVICES** (Montanaro & Others) This act would require the state to provide handheld thermal imaging devices to municipal fire departments and districts on a per capita basis. Finance

**H-5696 PAYMENTS TO FIRE COMPANIES** (Kennedy & Others) This act would provide reimbursement from the state for volunteer fire companies that respond to emergencies which occur on a limited access highway. Finance

**H-5738 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES** (Reilly) This act would require insurance companies to give notice to the registrar of the names of those whose policies are no longer in effect; and would further require notice by the registrar to local police authorities, if the registration plates are not returned to the registrar, to remove and return the plates. Corporations

**H-5771 RELIEF OF FIREFIGHTERS AND DEPENDENTS** (Montanaro & Others) This act would give 3% COLA increase in sums received by widows, widowers or children of firefighters. Corporations

**H-5794 POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS** (McCauley) This act would prohibit cities and towns from consolidating their respective police and fire departments. Corporations

**H-5808 RELIEF OF POLICE OFFICERS** (Rose & Coelho) This act amends the provision of the General Laws by extending annuity and tuition benefits for dependents of police officers who die or become disabled as the result of cancer or a lung condition. Corporations

**H-5824 MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES** (Wm. H. Murphy & Others) This act would require blood testing, when requested by law enforcement personnel, of an individual who was the driver of a motor vehicle which is involved in an accident resulting in injury or death. Judiciary

**H-5825 ADVERTISING ON HIGHWAY** (Trillo & Others) This act provides that no advertisements shall be affixed to utility or telephone poles, traffic control devices or highway sign posts without the written consent of the police chief of city/town. Judiciary

**H-5826 LICENSE PLATE IMPOUNDMENT** (Reilly & Iwuc) This act would require an impoundment order requiring the surrender of any registration plates owned by a person who has been convicted of driving under the influence twice within a five-year period or three times within a ten-year period. Judiciary

**H-5830 CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK** (Fox & Others) This act would provide criminal records checks for child care workers to be provided at the same cost the police department pays. Judiciary

**S-312 CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK** (McDonald) This act would allow police departments to charge applicants for certification as child care workers a reasonable charge for the required criminal record checks. H.E.W.

**S-328 SECURITY OFFICERS** (Montalbano & Others) This act would provide that all full-time security officers employed by the traffic tribunal shall have the same powers as sheriffs and city and town police officers when enforcing the laws of this state. Judiciary

**S-338 THERMAL IMAGING DEVICES** (Celona & Others) This act would require the state to provide handheld thermal imaging devices to municipal fire departments and districts on a per capita basis. Finance

## **RETIREMENT**

**H-5445 PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDITS** (Moura & Menard) This act would permit teachers, state employees, and municipal employees to purchase service credits in installments, rather than in one lump sum. Finance

**H-5461 SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE** (Maher) This act allows members of the retirement system to cease making contributions after 35 years of service. Members electing this option would have their retirement allowance based on their service prior to ceasing contributions. Finance

**H-5474 ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY** (Levesque) This act would require medical examination, upon application for an accidental disability retirement, of a teacher or state employee who sustains an injury which was the result of either an accident or was the result of activities undertaken over time while in the performance of duty. Labor

**H-5551 HEALTH CARE PLANS** (Moura) This act would allow retired state employees and retired teachers to choose from all health plans available to active state employees. Finance

**H-5561 POVERTY LEVEL ADJUSTMENT** (Ginaitt – By Request) This act would provide an increase in retirement benefits to certain retired teachers whose pension is below the sum of \$15,000 as of January 1, 2001. Finance

**H-5674 ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY** (Faria) This act extends the time period for filing an application for an accidental disability retirement allowance for teachers' retirement system members and municipal employees. Labor

### **TOWN AND CITY CLERKS**

**H-5436 VALIDATING CONVEYANCES** (Lewiss & Others) This act would validate conveyances which contain certain defects or omissions. Judiciary

**H-5608 SAME GENDER MARRIAGES** (Pisaturo & Others) This act would authorize same gender marriages. Judiciary

**H-5643 FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES** (Naughton & Rabideau) This act would provide for increases in certain license fees, provide for a pheasant and wild turkey permit, and eliminate the combined waterfowl/hunting license. Environment & Energy

**H-5801 GENERAL RECORDING FEES** (Fox & Slater) This act increases the fees for recording land evidence records. Corporations

**H-5817 PROBATE FORMS** (Lewiss & Others) This act would provide that the special legislative commission on probate would prescribe the forms to be used by the probate courts. Judiciary

**H-5819 PUBLIC RECORDS AND OPEN MEETINGS** (Dennigan & Others) This act would amend the definitions and clarify the provisions of the open records and open meetings law. This act would also increase the fines for violating the open meetings law. Judiciary

**H-5831 TAX LIENS ON REAL ESTATE** (Fox & Others) This extends from 3 to 6 years the life of tax liens on real estate. Judiciary

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**H-5427 CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP** (Menard & Others) This act would require municipalities to provide those services that they provide to single family residences to condominiums or, in the alternative, to reimburse condominiums the cost of the services. Judiciary

**H-5429 SIDEWALKS** (Knickle) This act would make the state (not a city or town) liable for damages from injuries suffered due to neglect or defect of any sidewalk or curbing within a town upon a state highway. Judiciary

**H-5446 LARGE RETAIL STORES** (Moura & Others) This act would provide that new large retail stores devote a percentage of the square footage for nontaxable merchandise. Finance

**H-5453 SIDEWALKS** (Knickle & Others) This act would require the state to construct and maintain sidewalks on state highways, causeways, and bridges. It would also provide that municipalities may notify the state of a need for services, and should the state not comply, the municipality will make repairs and bill the state. This act would also make the state liable for damages from injuries suffered due to neglect or defect of any sidewalk or curbing within a town upon a state highway. Finance

**H-5458 PUBLIC WORKS** (Levesque) This act would include certain projects for private use as "public works". Finance

**H-5488 PARKING CASH-OUT PROGRAMS** (Ajello) This act would provide for employer-sponsored parking subsidy programs which give the employee the option of receiving subsidized parking or an equivalent cash allowance. This act would also require cities and towns to grant appropriate reductions in parking requirements, otherwise applicable to new and existing commercial developments, for those developments that implement parking cash-out programs. Corporations

**H-5493 TOWN HOUSING AUTHORITIES** (Levesque) This act would provide for tenant commissioners on the town housing authorities. Corporations

**H-5494      ALTERATION OF ROADWAYS** (Fox & Others) This act allows cities and towns to adopt ordinances and regulations imposing fees on public utilities and contractors who alter roadways. Fees would include charges relative to administrative, engineering and inspection costs. Corporations

**H-5506      CITY HOUSING AUTHORITIES** (Levesque) This act would provide for tenant commissioners on the city housing authorities. Corporations

**H-5508      TOWN HIGHWAYS** (Fox & Others) This act would require utility companies to advertise when they will trench a municipal road or sidewalk, so to put other companies on notice that plan to trench the same road or sidewalk. Corporations

**H-5510      LEAD POISONING** (McCauley & Others) This act would void the exclusion of lead liability insurance coverage as of July 1, 2002. Corporations

**H-5523      PLAYGROUNDS** (Mumford & Others) This act provides grants to cities and towns for projects undertaken specifically to comply with the Department of Education's and Department of Health's joint health and environment recreational facility safety regulations and/or to provide access for people with disabilities. Finance

**H-5633      LEAD PAINT ACTIONS** (McCauley & Others) This act provides a statute of limitations in which certain entities may bring a law suit for damages involving lead paint. Judiciary

**H-5702      GAMBLING ACTIVITIES** (Crawley & Others) This act would require a gambling promoter to file a financial disclosure statement with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, and increases the number of days within which a town/city council may place a resolution on the ballot from 150 days to 210 days. Finance

**H-5714      MILL BUILDING REVITALIZATION** (Watson & Long) This act would allow that a portion(s) of certified buildings to be designated as separate buildings, and would provide technical changes for regulatory and consistency purposes. Finance

**H-5716      MOSQUITO ABATEMENT** (Rabideau & Others) This act would expand eligible projects as outlined under the mosquito abatement grant program to include costs associated with the purchase of pesticides, adulticides and spraying equipment, and would change the matching requirements for eligible cities and towns. Finance

**H-5751      VENDING MACHINES** (Crowley & Others) This act would allow towns and cities to regulate placement of newspaper and magazine vending machines. Corporations

**H-5769      MUNICIPAL PURCHASING** (Smith & Others) This act would permit a municipality to reject the lowest bid on a project if the municipality reasonably concluded

that the lowest bidder would be unable to complete the project consistent with its bid price. Corporations

**H-5784 TOLL FREE SERVICE** (Gallison & Others) This act would provide that all telephone carriers provide toll free calls to state and local agencies. Corporations

**H-5790 CITY HOUSING AUTHORITIES** (Abdullah-Odiase & Others) This act would provide that the elderly may deduct the total cost of prescription drugs for determining annual income for a rent increase exemption. Corporations

**H-5796 T.F. GREEN AIRPORT** (Flaherty & Others) This act outlines the municipal services to be provided to T.F. Green Airport. Corporations

**H-5827 TORT LIABILITY** (Fox & Others) This act would allow cities and towns to decide, as the state does, whether or not to indemnify an employee who is the subject of a law suit for an action which may or may not be in the line of duty. Judiciary

**H-5832 LEAD PAINT ACTIONS** (McCauley & Others) This act provides a statute of limitations in which certain entities may bring a law suit for damages involving lead paint. Judiciary

**H-5840 BLIGHTED AREA TAX CREDIT** (Cicilline & Others) This act would provide an income tax credit for business use within a designated project area. Finance

**S-254 SIDEWALKS AND CURBING** (Hunter & Tassoni) This act would provide that one cent per gallon of the motor fuel tax be used to finance the maintenance and reconstruction of sidewalks and curbing along state roads and highways. Finance

**S-255 MOSQUITO ABATEMENT** (Algieri & Blais) This act would expand eligible projects as outlined under the mosquito abatement grant program to include costs associated with the purchase of pesticides, adulticides and spraying equipment, and would change the matching requirements for eligible cities and towns. Finance

**S-260 MARINE EVENTS** (Gibbs) This act would authorize the Department of Environmental Management to issue and enforce safety zones for marine events in conjunction with the United States Coast Guard. It increases existing liability/bodily injury insurance requirements, and the insurance would indemnify state or local municipalities from liability. Judiciary

**S-278 MARINE TERMINAL** (Felag & Others) This act would impose certain requirements upon a relocation agency seeking to acquire a marine terminal for public use. Finance

**S-340      COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TAX CREDITS** (Perry & Others) This act would create the Community and Neighborhood Partnership Tax Credit Act of 2001 providing for a tax deduction against a person's or firm's income tax which person or firm contributes to state approved neighborhood and/or community organization which engages in activities to assist low-income persons. Finance

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